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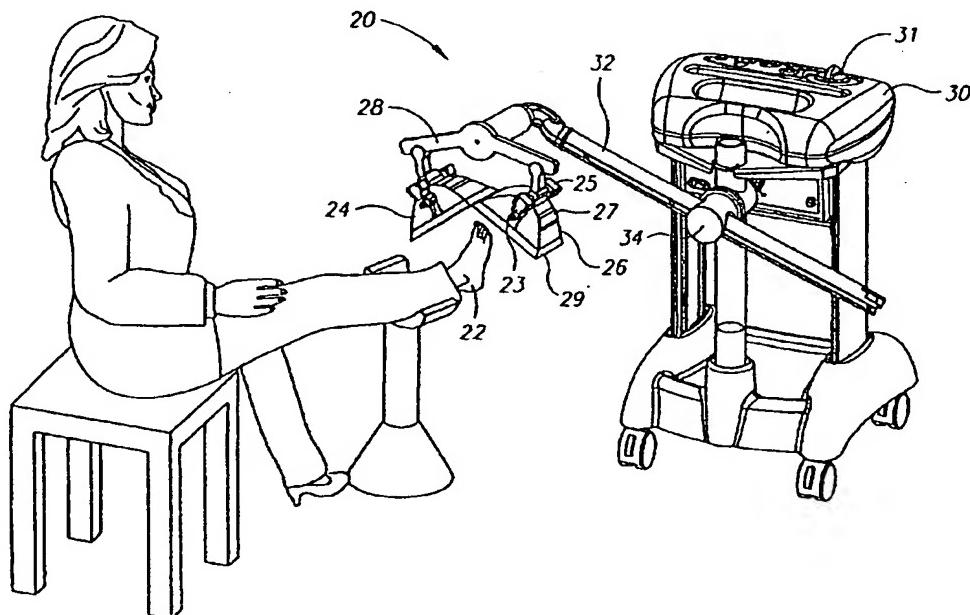
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(57) Abstract: A method for treating an inflammation in skin of a patient includes irradiating the skin with infrared (IR) radiation in a first wavelength band and with violet/blue light in a second wavelength band with an apparatus radiating both wavelengths.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 6,602,275 B1 (SULLIVAN) 05 August 2003 (05.08.2003)	
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-6 and 42

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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-16 & 42, drawn to method of treating a skin condition.

Group II, claim(s) 17-38 & 41, drawn to medical treatment apparatus.

Group III, claim(s) 39-40, drawn to a lamp device.

The inventions listed as Groups I thru III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the features of the metal halide lamp are anticipated by prior art negating their status as special technical features. The method of treatment may be carried out using another known apparatus.